

50TH REGULAR SESSION

"FOR the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that husband and wife from time to time may in writing partition between themselves in severalty or into undivided interests community property existing at the time of partition so as to convert same into separate property of the respective spouses without prejudice to the rights of pre-existing creditors."

Those opposing said proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words:

"AGAINST the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that husband and wife from time to time may in writing partition between themselves in severalty or into undivided interests community property existing at the time of partition so as to convert same into separate property of the respective spouses without prejudice to the rights of pre-existing creditors."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have same published as required by the Constitution for amendments thereto.

Adopted by House, April 1, 1947: Yeas 109, Nays 15; adopted by

Senate, May 15, 1947: Yeas 23, Nays 4.

Approved May 29, 1947.

To be voted at election to be held Nov. 2, 1948.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—AD VALOREM TAX FOR STATE GENERAL REVENUE

H. J. R. No. 24

Proposing an Amendment of Section 1-a of Article VIII of the Constitution of Texas to provide that no ad valorem tax shall be levied for State general revenue purposes after January 1, 1951, and authorizing the several counties to levy additional ad valorem taxes for certain purposes, providing for a Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) residential homestead exemption, and providing for tax levies in counties having tax donations; providing for submission to the qualified electors and for the necessary proclamation by the Governor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 1-a of Article VIII of the Constitution be amended so as to be and read as follows:

"Section 1-a. From and after January 1, 1951, no State ad valorem tax shall be levied upon any property within this State for general revenue purposes. From and after January 1, 1951, the several counties of the State are authorized to levy ad valorem taxes upon all property within their respective boundaries for county purposes, except the first Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) value of residential homesteads, not to exceed thirty cents (30¢) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation, in addition to all other ad valorem taxes authorized by the Constitution of this State, provided the revenue derived therefrom shall be used for construction and maintenance of Farm to Market Roads or for Flood Control, except as herein otherwise provided.

"Provided that in those counties or political subdivisions or areas of the State from which tax donations have heretofore been granted, the State Automatic Tax Board shall continue to levy the full amount of the State ad valorem tax for the duration of such donation, or until all legal obligations heretofore authorized by the law granting such donation or donations shall have been fully discharged, whichever shall first occur; provided that if such donation to any such county or political subdivision is for less than the full amount of State ad valorem taxes so

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levied, the portion of such taxes remaining over and above such donation shall be retained by said county or subdivision."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the date fixed by law for the General Election in November, A. D. 1948, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon "FOR the Constitutional Amendment of Section 1-a of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide that no ad valorem tax shall be levied for State general revenue purposes after January 1, 1951, and authorizing the several counties to levy additional ad valorem taxes, providing for a Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) residential homestead exemption, and providing for tax levies in counties having tax donations," and "AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment of Section 1-a of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide that no ad valorem tax shall be levied for State general revenue purposes after January 1, 1951, and authorizing the several counties to levy additional ad valorem taxes, providing for a Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) residential homestead exemption, and providing for tax levies in counties having tax donations." Each voter shall scratch out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed Amendment. In counties or other subdivisions using voting machines, the above provision for voting for and against this Constitutional Amendment shall be placed on said machine in such a manner that each voter shall vote on such machine for or against the Constitutional Amendment.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

Passed the House, April 22, 1947: Yeas 113, Nays 24; House concurred in Senate amendments, May 13, 1947: Yeas 115, Nays 17; passed the Senate, as amended, May 12, 1947: Yeas 28, Nays 0.

Approved May 27, 1947.

To be voted at election to be held Nov. 1948.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—COUNTY EMPLOYEES— INSURANCE

H. J. R. No. 30

Proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto another Section to be designated as "Section 60" to authorize counties of this State to provide insurance for county employees; providing for the Governor's proclamation, and submission to the electorate.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article III of the State Constitution be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto another Section following Section 59, to be designated "Section 60" to read as follows:

"Sec. 60. The Legislature shall have the power to pass such laws as may be necessary to enable all counties of this State to provide Workman's Compensation Insurance, including the right to provide its own insurance risk, for all county employees as in its judgment is necessary or required; and the Legislature shall provide suitable laws for the administration of such insurance in the counties of this State and for the payment of the costs, charges and premiums on such policies of insurance and the benefits to be paid thereunder."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to